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## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (canceled).
- 2. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 further comprising drying the coating composition between 60 degrees F and 160 degrees F.
- (currently amended): The process of claim 49 wherein component A is a binder and component B is a hardener with slow reactivity and component C is a hardener with fast reactivity.
- 4. (original): The process of claim 3 wherein component A is a hydroxyl functional binder and components B and C are isocyanate functional hardeners.
- (currently amended): The process of claim 4 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of component <u>A the shared component</u> is in between <u>about 5</u>% and 95%.
- 6. (currently amended): The process of claim 5 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of the shared component A is in between about 10% and 90%.
- 7. (currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein said substrate is a vehicle surface panel with said coating composition comprising a primer to be applied as an external coating to said panel, with there being a first component (A) comprising a binder (the shared sempenent), and there being at least one of a second component (B) and third component (C), component B comprising a sanding

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hardener and <u>component C</u> comprising a wet-in-wet hard n r, <u>wh rein the</u> volumetric ratio of <u>component A</u> to <u>component B+ component C</u> ranging from 100:80 to 100:60.

- 8. (currently amended): The process of claim 4 <u>9</u> further comprising a <u>hardener</u> component D <u>such that wherein</u> component C is a binder having a different reactivity from <u>its like binder</u> component A <del>or B</del> and component D is a hardener having a different reactivity from <u>its like</u> hardener component A <del>or B</del>.
- (new): A process for formulating and applying various coating compositions comprising

formulating a coating composition employing a plural component apparatus, said apparatus having fixed components wherein the components comprise:

- A. at least one binder component A;
- B. at least one hardener component B; and
- C. at least one component C selected from:
  - i. a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
- ii. a hardener having a different reactivity than component B
  wherein the step of formulating comprises setting the apparatus according to a selected predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C;

spraying a substrate with the coating composition; and

components A, B and C remaining fixed in the apparatus, whereby the apparatus is ready to be set for a subsequent mixing ratio of the fixed components, this permitting various coating compositions to be formulated and applied to different substrates without changing the components.

- 10. (new): A method of formulating coating compositions within a plural component apparatus and applying said coating compositions comprising the steps of:
- i) filling said plural component apparatus with individual fixed components, said components being
  - A) at least one binder component A;
  - B) at least one hardener component B; and
  - C) at least one component C selected from:
    - a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or a harden ir having different reactivity than component B

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- ii) setting said plural component apparatus to a predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C to form the first of said coating compositions;
- iii) spraying a substrate with said fixed components in said first predetermined mixing ratio; and
- iv) setting said plural component apparatus to a different predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C in order to form another of said coating compositions with said fixed components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus;

such that by repeating steps ii), iii) and iv) various coating compositions may b formulated and applied to different substrates with said components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus.